GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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MSP FOR JUTE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has fixed any Minimum Support Price for Procurement of Jute from the jute growers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the names of the States registered with the Jute Corporation of India as on date;

(d) the estimated Jute production during each of the last three years, till date; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Jute production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The government has fixed the Minimum Support Price for 2005-06 for TD-5 Grade of Raw Jute (Ex Assam) at Rs. 910/- per quintal. The corresponding prices for others grades/ varieties of Jute and Mesta have been declared by the Jute Commissioner vide a press release on 26 th April, 2005. Copy of the notification by the Jute Commissioner is placed at Annexure-I.

(c) The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) operates in seven jute growing States in India namely, Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Tripura. However, there is no practice of registering States with the Jute Corporation of India.

(d) The year wise estimated jute production during the last three years is mentioned below:

(In lakh bales of 180 Kgs. each)

2002-03 - 110 Lakh Bales
2003-04 - 90 Lakh Bales
2004-05(estimated) - 75 Lakh Bales

(e) The following steps have been taken by the Government for promotion of jute production in the country:-

(i) Declaring remunerative MSP for raw jute and allied fibres.

(ii) Authorizing the JCI as nodal agency to carry out MSP operations in the Country, the Government of India is committed to reimburse the losses incurred by the JCI in its MSP operations. During 2003-04, the Govt. has also given Bank Guarantee of Rs.33 Crores in order to enable JCI to conduct MSP operations smoothly. The JCI operates 171 regular purchase Centres throughout the country. In addition, 69 State level Cooperative Organizations and 250 Odd Primary Cooperative Societies are authorized to act as agents of the JCI to procure raw jute at declared MSP.

(iii) The Government tries to promote the diversified product portfolio through a host of schemes seen by the National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) and the Jute Manufacturers Development Council (JMDC) so as to ensure better price to the farmers for their high quality fibre used for JDPS.

(iv) The Government tries to ensure a reasonable market demand for the raw jute produced by the farmers by reserving reasonable percentage of foodgrains and sugar to be packed in jute packaging materials under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use In Packing Commodities) Act, 1987.

(v) The Ministry of Agriculture executes Schemes promoting R&D and better agronomic practices to increase yield and quality of raw jute produced by the jute growers.

ANNEXURE-I

(Rs. per quntl.)

STATES	JUTE TD-5 GRADE	JUTE W-5 GRADE	MESTA M-4 GRADE
(a) Assam/Meghalaya	910	860	820
(b) Tripura	881	831	791
(c) Bihar			
(i) Purnea, Kishanganj, Katihar & Araria	941	891	
(ii) Saharsa, Champaran (East & West) & Other Districts.	925	875	
(d) Orissa	947	897	857
(e) West Bengal	845-883		
(i) Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri & Darjeeling	935	885	
(ii) North & South Dinajpur & Malda	948	898	
(iii) Murshidabad, Bankura & Birbhum	960	910	
(iv)Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Midnapur (East & West), 24-Pgs (North & South)	973	923	
(f) Uttar Pradesh	888	838	802
(g) Jharkhand	-	-	802
(h) M.P.	-	-	802
(i) A.P (Bottom Grade)	-	-	852